

## Telemarketer and telephone company complaints

#1

My monthly telephone bill has increased, not because I make more calls, but because I'm paying extortionate fees to the telephone company in an attempt to maintain my privacy. Here's what I'm currently subscribed to in addition to my plan:

- caller ID
- anonymous call block
- unlisted telephone number.

What makes me angriest is the fact that my local telephone company (Verison) is allowed to double-dip: they charge me for protection from telemarketers, and they charge telemarketers information and/or equipment to "get to me." Outrageous.

#2

O.K. I purchased a gizmo which blocks calls it cost me \$25.00, but it records the hang-ups; I'm now aware of the calls which didn't get through. Outrageous.

#3

I've heard of friends getting long-winded messages on their answering machine - in fact the caller doesn't want the homeowner to answer the phone, they prefer to "leave a message." Outrageous.

#4

I want to be added to a national "no telephone solicitation" list, but I want there to be no exemptions: non profits, political campaigns need not apply. I also want to be assured my private information is not sold.

#5

Why are the telemarketer's telephone number blocked on my caller id gizmo (for which I paid \$25.00). Why do telemarketers have the right to be anonymous? Outrageous.

#6

If the sole business of the United States is business, then we are truly doomed: I feel like an commodity to be sold, passed from hand to hand - and for chump change, too.

I could go on...